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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038);
2. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
3. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
4. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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